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REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2003, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire November 6, 2003.

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15 and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC 103. Claims 3, 7 and 16-27 are objected to.

In the present paper, Claims 1, 11 and 28 are amended, and Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled. No new matter is entered. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections in view of these amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 USC 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15 and 28 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koplow.

Claims 1, 11 and 28 are amended herein to incorporate the subject matter recited in Claims 2 and 3, as originally filed. Because Claim 3 is indicated as being allowable, the amendment of Claims 1, 11 and 28 is believed to overcome the pending rejections, thereby placing these claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled.

Claims 4-6 and 8-10 are dependent from Claim 1, and are believed to be patentable over the cited prior art for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 1.

Claims 12-15 are dependent from Claim 11, and are believed to be patentable over the cited prior art for at least the reasons provided above with reference to Claim 1.

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For the above reason, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC 103.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present Application. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 451-5902 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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